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In re Patent Application of:
Julie A. Bearcroft, et al.

Application No.: 09/517,981

Group Art Unit: 3738

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For: **SHAPED PARTICLE AND COMPOSITION
FOR BONE DEFICIENCY AND METHOD OF
MAKING THE PARTICLE**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including September 30, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$110.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01952US0. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: November 24, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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